GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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MOBILE NUMBER PORTABILITY
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce Mobile Number Portability (MNP) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced;

(d) whether the Government propose to extend this facility to all parts of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Government has decided to introduce Mobile Number Portability (MNP) in each intra Licensed Service Area of the country. On 1st August, 2008, Government has issued the Guidelines for award of MNP service licence(s). As per the guidelines, MNP is to be implemented in all `Metro` and Category `A` service areas within six months of the award of the licence and in rest of the service areas within one year of the award of the licence.